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CHAVARRIAS STORE

Tony was born in Mexico, came to America with his parents as a young toddler. His father, Refugio Chavarrias helped him purchase the store just before he married the love of his life, Mary Marx, in 1939. Tony and Mary operated the grocery store business during World War II. Chavarrias Store was located on the corner of Park Avenue and Eleventh Street in the Eastside area of Riverside. Gas was rationed during this time to all families. Tony was granted permission by the City of Riverside to have a gas pump installed on the property

so he could travel to make his purchases of commodities for the grocery store. Although these were tough times for every family, Tony would extend credit to those families that could not pay for their food. He would only expect them to pay what little they could afford. At Christmas time, Tony would insist that children living in the Eastside area should receive a Christmas stocking full of hard candy, nuts and an orange. This tradition continued until he retired in 1985, after forty seven years in the Grocery Store business.

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